

# City of Brentwood Drought Update

## Simple ways to save water everyday:

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- Find and fix leaks.
- Take shorter showers.
- Shut off water when shaving or brushing teeth.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads only.
- Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation.
- Visit a car wash with a recycling water system.

*Free water saving devices can be picked up at the Utility Billing office, while supplies last.*

For more information visit [www.brentwoodca.gov](http://www.brentwoodca.gov), Drought Information, or call (925) 516-6000

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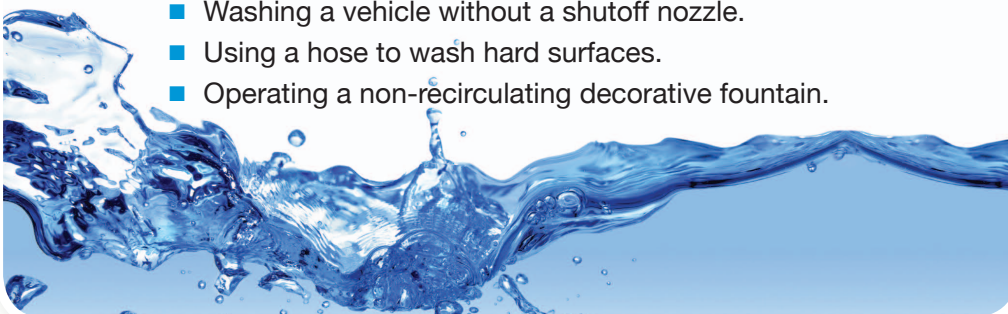
### State Regulations

In response to the new State drought regulations, the City adopted a Resolution at the August 12, 2014, Council meeting which requests a voluntary 20% water use reduction from its water service customers and implemented Stage II of the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plan ("Plan"). The Plan prohibits the following activities in the promotion of water conservation:

- Watering between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Causing excessive flooding or runoff.
- Washing a vehicle without a shutoff nozzle.
- Using a hose to wash hard surfaces.
- Operating a non-recirculating decorative fountain.

### We don't know when the drought will end

It is extremely important that everyone continue to conserve water throughout the fall and winter in order to reach the 20% voluntary reduction. If you haven't done so in the past, call (925) 516-6000 to schedule a free water-use evaluation. A City employee will offer water saving advice specific to your home and show you how to adjust your sprinkler timer.





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Stage II Water Shortage Contingency Plan Adopted  
Voluntary 20% Reduction Requested



### Customers Conserve to Get through Drought

Residents and businesses who depend on City water are responding to the call to conserve to help ensure there is enough water to meet future demands. In August, the City asked its customers to voluntarily reduce their water use by 20%. Customers have reduced their use by 15% compared to the same period last year. Your efforts are appreciated and the City encourages you to keep up the good work.

### Fall Watering

Our region is now getting less sunlight than it was just a few months ago. The temperatures have also begun to drop. These factors mean your lawn and landscaping don't need as much water to remain healthy.

To avoid runoff, which is prohibited, try the cycle and soak method of watering. For example... if your timer is set for 12 minutes of watering once per day, set your timer to water for four minutes at 3 a.m., 4 a.m., and 5 a.m. For additional tips, visit [www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/pw/water/drought/water\\_conservation.asp](http://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/pw/water/drought/water_conservation.asp).

### How to Reduce Your Water Use by 20%

The average residential consumption in Brentwood was 433 gallons per day per household in Fiscal Year 2013/14. Here are some simple ways to save 87 gallons per day.

### Recycled Water

Recycled water reduces the overall demand for high-quality City water. Many green belts, median strips and parks within the City are irrigated with recycled water. Look for the big purple Recycled Water signs at your favorite park.



The City's downtown fountains and many of the City's water play features are recirculating water systems. These systems reuse the water and are exempt from drought related conservation requirements.

### What should I do if I see water being wasted?

It is the City's intent to primarily enforce prohibited water activities through public outreach and education. When the City receives notification of a prohibited activity, a friendly reminder asking for correction will be left on the door. If you see a prohibited activity taking place, you may report the activity online by using Report a Problem at [www.brentwoodca.gov](http://www.brentwoodca.gov) from Quick Links Online Services or Quick Links Drought Information, by using the City's Report It! app or by calling Public Works/Operations at (925) 516-6000.

#### Water Early or Late

Outdoor watering between 8 AM and 7 PM is prohibited. Save up to 80 gallons per week by watering in the early morning or evening when temperatures are cooler.

#### Mulch Around Plants

A layer of mulch around trees and other plants in your garden saves you up to 8 gallons per day.

#### Sweep, Don't Spray

Hosing down your driveway or patio is prohibited and you could save up to 10 gallons per minute by using a broom.

#### Read Your Meter

Tracking your meter will help detect leaks. Fixing one leaky toilet can save up to 40 gallons per day.

#### BIGGEST SAVINGS! Reduce Sprinkler Use

Reducing your sprinkler schedule by one watering day saves up to 400 gallons per week.

